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# APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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“Our children are our most valuable resource, and they need our support to thrive and grow into healthy, productive adults. During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we renew our unwavering commitment to protecting children and responding to child abuse, promoting healthy families, and building a brighter future for all Americans.”

So stated President Obama on April 1, 2010 as he proclaimed April, once again, as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Since the 1980’s, the government has officially recognized April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Alarmed at the increasing rate at which children are abused and neglected and recognizing the need for innovative programs to prevent child abuse and assist parents and families affected by maltreatment, government agencies have committed themselves to raising public awareness of this disastrous issue.

This month is a time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and encourage individuals and communities to support children and families. It is an opportunity for communities across the country to keep children safe, provide the support families need to stay together, and raise children and youth to be happy, secure, and stable adults.

The Child Welfare Information Gateway website is a place where you can learn more about what you and your community can do to support families and prevent child abuse. They provide a Resource Guide and community resource packets that can be used during this month and year round.

Find out what your community is doing during Child Abuse Prevention Month and become involved in making a better life for children and families.